

Christmas  
is a day of  
many meanings.  
For the very young,  
it's Santa Claus, snow-  
flakes, Christmas trees  
and presents.

For the 'teens its parties, record  
players, school vacations and new  
clothes.

For young parents it's the wonder of  
watching their own children's first Christmas.

For grandparents it's a time of memories to be  
renewed and re-lived.

It's a kiss under the mistletoe, a family dinner, colored  
tinsel and decorations, cards from friends and packages  
gaily wrapped.

But these are only symbols of a time that is of great joy to the  
world. For the devout it heralds the salvation of sinners. For  
others it honors the birth of a religious leader who taught  
love of fellow beings. For all it signifies a time of  
love and good will. According to the gospel of St.  
Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-14 . . . and it came to  
pass that she brought forth her first born  
son, wrapped him in swaddling clothes  
and layed him in a manger . . . and  
the glory of the Lord shone round  
about them . . . and suddenly  
there was an angel prais-  
ing God and saying  
glory to God in the  
highest, and on  
earth peace,  
good will  
toward  
men.



## Expansion All Around; Plywood Division Addition To Be Ready In March

When completed some time in March, the new addition to the Plywood Division will house one of the first hi-speed, small diameter core-yield lathes in the northwest.

To be equipped with an automatic charger, the small core lathe will be able to take a 9½" core, or small diameter logs, down to a 3" core.

Construction on the 12,000 square foot addition to the existing plywood building was begun in November, with completion scheduled for some time in March, 1966.



### Credit Union News

## START AT THE TOP

Ever wondered why it's so hard for most people to save? (Maybe it's even difficult for you.) No doubt there are a lot of reasons, and a few of them may be good. But what's the big reason? We don't **pay ourselves first!**

Most folks plan to pay the rent or the home mortgage payment, buy the groceries, pay utility bills, make installment payments, etc., etc. If anything's left they'll try to save some. But there are so many places to spend money, the end result is usually that nothing is left to save. But what if each one of us decided today to put himself at the top of the list, for at least a little money into savings each payday?

First, we'd be forced to take a good look at our spending habits. Perhaps it would be easy to see a place or two where a small cut could be made. Even the small amounts put into savings on a regular basis can mount to a tidy sum in time. But the results of making the effort usually are greater than that. Most people who've tried this are so pleased with seeing savings accumulate that they try even harder to save. Don't wait 'til next New Years to make a good resolution. Help yourself today toward a brighter tomorrow. Save from the top. Come over to the Credit Union Office and sign up for Payroll Deduction, or see **Ralph Mer-ton** or **George Davis**.

## Christmas Safety Tips For Happier Holidays

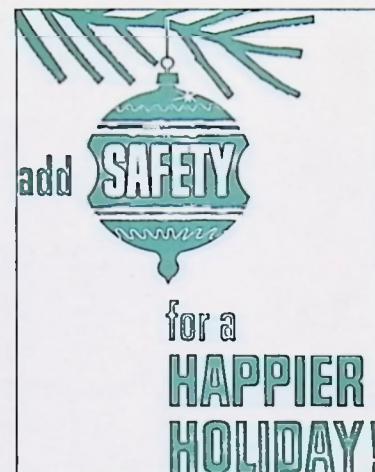
Christmas seems to be a time when everyone is "too busy" to think about safety, says **Chan Drew**, MedCo director of safety.

Yet hundreds of homes are damaged or destroyed, hundreds of family members killed or seriously injured, each holiday season. The average "Christmas Tree Fire" creates more than \$650 worth of damage alone.

Here are some timely holiday safety tips to insure your being around to enjoy the new year:

**Buy a tree that has been cut as recently as possible.** Keep the tree in water, away from the main part of the house, until ready to use. Saw off the trunk diagonally one inch above the original cut. Use a tree stand that holds water and check the level daily. Make sure the tree is well supported and away from radiators and fireplaces, and is not blocking doorways. Strings of tree lights should not be used on metal trees.

**Place gift wrappings in a trash container immediately after opening**



**the presents**, and don't keep them in the house. Don't burn wrappings in the fireplace. For decorating, use fire-resistant materials wherever possible. Do not use polystyrene foam for candle holders or decorations where wax candles are also used.

**Use strings of lights that bear the Underwriters Laboratories' label, and check condition carefully** before they go on the tree. Avoid over-loading circuits, and don't use a fuse over 15 amperes. Be sure to turn the tree lights off when retiring or leaving the house. And have a Merry, Safe Christmas!







## What's Up at Shed D?

A lot of old-timers might well shake their heads when they see what's happening at Shed D.

Built about 1915, Shed D, as it has been known, was the original MedCo sawmill. Revamped to increase productivity to serve the rapidly growing needs of a thriving community, the old sawmill was enlarged again a scant three years later.

MedCo continued to grow until, in 1927, a new plant became a necessity. Production was boosted to 300,000 board feet per shift. The old original sawmill became "Shed D," a stand-up shed for pine and fir molding and selects, in which capacity it has continued to live out its useful life-span of a half-century.

**Soon, Shed D will be no more.** The ground space where it stood will become even more valuable now, as additional yard, storage and loading space. Storage bins to hold shavings and chips for shipment to the valley's two new particle board plants will be a part of the re-designed site where the original MedCo sawmill has stepped aside to make room for progress.

## Bargain Buys on 'Clean-Up' Stock

Anyone interested in 2,540 feet of ceiling stock and some other odds and ends might check with **Bus Smith** who is conducting a clean-up plan on some old inventory.

If you have any use for this material, **Bus** can probably work you out a good deal.

## Merry Christmas to You All!

All employees will receive their choice of a holiday ham or a turkey on Tuesday, December 21.

We certainly hope that this remembrance will add to your pleasures on Christmas day.

## 'Safety Is Thought & Care In Action' 1966 Safety Council Calendar Theme; Prizes Awarded for Safety Limericks

Copies of the 1966 Safety Calendar will be mailed to employees between Christmas and New Year's, with a wish for a happy and safe '66.

Following the theme "Safety Is Thought and Care in Action," each month features a different picture with a timely safety rule.

Prizes of \$100, \$50, \$25 and thirty \$5.00 awards will be earned every month for supplying the best last lines in the safety limerick contest. Complete rules are at the back of the calendar.

**It just wouldn't be Christmas without a MedCo Christmas Tree for Medford! This year's beauty reigns over the First National Bank parking lot downtown.**

**Playing Santa this year were Bud Nutting, Shirley Hatcher and Al Smith who selected the tree in the woods, and put it up downtown.**



## NEW ARRIVALS

The plywood division leads the new-baby-field this month, with four young newcomers.

**Gloria and George Haines** welcomed their first baby, a daughter named **Sheryl Anette**, on December 6.

It was a bouncing baby boy for **Karen and Rodney Read**, born November 15.

**Elaine and Jack Vance** added a third boy to their fine family of seven children on November 10. **Daniel Walter Vance** weighed in at 9 lbs., 12 ounces.

November 30 brought a fine new boy to **Roger and Dena Schroeder**. The youngest **Schroeder** weighed 6 lbs, 12 ounces at birth.

## COME BACK SOON!

**Richard Garvin** of the plywood division has been off work recently due to an accident at home with a table saw. Come Back Quick, **Dick!**

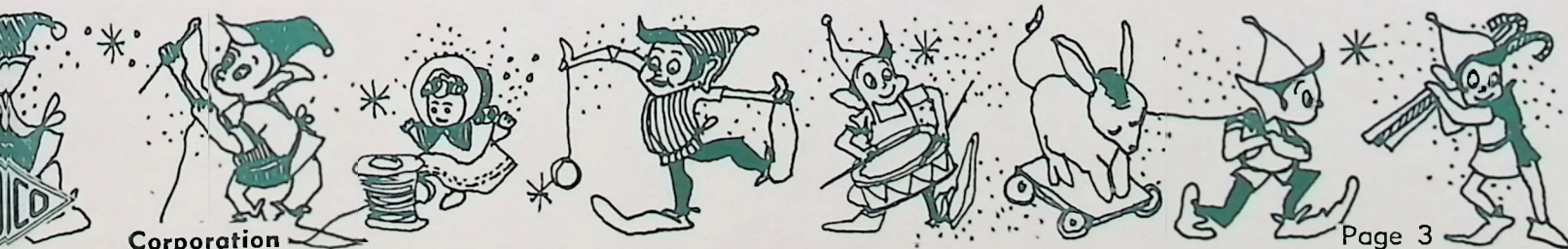
Another familiar face that's really missed around MedCo is **Homer Pleyer**. **Homer** has delivered sawdust to Medford area schools for years. We understand that he's been home with his family before returning to Portland for further treatment. We all miss you, **Homer**—best wishes for a speedy recovery!

## Lost? Strayed? Stolen? Wrench Gone

Lost, strayed or stolen—any way you look at it, an expensive and necessary tool is missing from the plywood plant.

Will anyone knowing the whereabouts of a Skil Electric Impact Wrench that was boxed with various attachments please contact **Jack Hansen** or **Mike Oreskovic**.

Due to the value involved, this matter has been reported to the police, complete with serial numbers for identification. If you have seen this wrench, please let **Jack** or **Mike** know.





## Scratch Pads, Clark, Amptman, Paris Hi

The **Scratch Pads** have emerged victorious from the first third of the MedCo Bowling League season.

Captained by **Al Smith**, team members **Eldon Vinson**, **Gus Priebe**, **Ken Pickens** and **Joe Clark** fought off the pack in a nip-and-tuck battle for league championship, with the **Stump Jumpers** and the **Sawmill** teams tied for second by a one-game margin.

Team member **Joe Clark** also picked off high game honors with a 232 average. **Hank Amptman** came up with a 586 to take high series, while **Dave Paris'** 639 brought him high series with handicap laurels.

Final Team Standings for the First Third of the MedCo Bowling League are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
1. Scratch Pads	29	15	.659
2. Stump Jumpers	28	16	.636
3. Sawmill	28	16	.636
4. Mavericks	23½	20½	.535
5. Wreckers	21½	22½	.489
6. Laps & Gaps	21½	22½	.489
7. Rejects	21	23	.477
8. White Specks	20	24	.455
9. Blackjacks	18	22	.450
10. Chinese Bandits	19½	24½	.444
11. Five Stoogies	19	25	.432
12. Odds & Ends	18	26	.409

## Market Report

### 'Cautious Optimism'

### Voiced for '66 Sales

"It's better now than we thought it would be," is the word from our Sales Manager **Ed Nave**. This about sums up the year-ending activities in the sales department.

Plywood sales are fairly good in sanded grades and somewhat slow in the sheathing grades. Lumber sales are active in white fir, fair in pine, especially selects, and somewhat slow in Douglas fir.

The box car supply this month has been somewhat erratic causing some complications in both lumber and plywood shipping schedules.

We are currently viewing the first part of next year with cautious optimism. It all depends on how well we can maintain our quality. It's still everybody's job to do their best to back up our sales team.

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## 'MONTE' AT MEDCO



"Monte" Montgomery, rumored to be a possible candidate for governor in this spring's primary election, was shown through the Medco operation by **Bob Higgins**, director of trade relations, as a part of Montgomery's recent southern Oregon visit.

## MEDCOoks Corner

January — when the snow flies (if it's going to), and nothing seems quite so good for supper as a piping-hot stew. Or maybe your family is partial to a special casserole or hot dish of your own invention.

How about sharing those favorite recipes with us? Just send your favorite hot dish recipe, along with your name and address, to MEDCOoks Corner, P.O. Box 545, Medford, Oregon. **If your recipe is judged the best of its category, you will win a dollar!**

And while you've got your thinking cap on, how about candy recipes? February brings Valentine's day, so if you have a sweet tooth, and the recipes to match, send 'em along for the February MEDCOoks Corner Contest. We'll be looking for your recipes by the first of each month!

## A Family Pie

- 1 handful of Forgiveness
- 1 heaping cup of Love
- 1 full pound of Unselfishness

Mix together smoothly with complete Faith in God. Add:

- 2 tablespoons of Wisdom
- 1 teaspoon of Good Nature (for flavor)

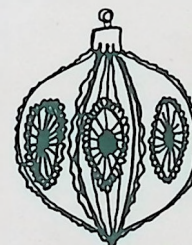
Sprinkle generously with Thoughtfulness. A wonderful family pie.

—Mrs. Martin Westvong

## Holiday Schedule

All departments will be down after their shift schedules on December 24 until start up, January 3.

Some schedules will be altered to arrange an earlier closure on Friday, Christmas Eve. As usual, some employees will be required to handle necessary work during the holidays. Please check with your supervisor if you have any questions. Notices will be posted on departmental bulletin boards.



**To all employees we would like to say thank you for your loyalty and cooperation during 1965.**

**To each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year!**

Sincerely,  
**MEDFORD CORPORATION**  
**R. J. Hogue**  
President &  
General Manager